Claims

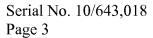
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- 1-24. (Canceled).
- 25. (Currently Amended) A solid detergent composition for the manual washing of ware comprising:
- (a) an effective detersive amount of a neutralized anionic surfactant wherein the neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing:
 - (i) about 1 wt.% to about 70 wt.% of an anionic surfactant comprising alkyl benzene sulfonate; and
 - (ii) an effective neutralizing amount of at least one of an alkali metal salt, and an alkaline metal earth salt, and mixtures thereof;
 - (b) about 0.1 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of an alkyl polyglycoside surfactant;
 - (c) about 1 wt.% to about 30 wt.% of an alcohol alkoxylate;
 - (d) an effective hardening amount of <u>a hardening agent comprising about 9 wt % to about 12</u> wt % sodium acetate;
 - (e) <u>an effective hardening amount of polyethylene glycol having a molecular weight of about 1,000 to 100,000;</u>

wherein the solid detergent composition is provided in the form of a block dispensed from a mixer by extruding or casting; and

wherein the pH of the dissolved solid composition in an aqueous solution is less than or equal to 9.

- 26. (Previously Presented) A solid detergent composition according to claim 25, wherein the anionic surfactant is neutralized by an alkali metal salt and the composition further comprises an effective hardening amount of a hydratable inorganic salt.
- 27. (Previously Presented) A solid detergent composition according to claim 26, wherein the hydratable inorganic salt comprises a magnesium salt.
- 28. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 3 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the polyethylene glycol.



- 29. (Canceled).
- 30. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 28, wherein the polyethylene glycol has a molecular weight of from about 1,450 to about 8000.
- 31. (Canceled)
- 32. (Canceled)
- 33. (Canceled)
- 34. (Previously presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing with a mixture of alkali metal salt and alkaline earth salt.
- 35. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 34, wherein the alkyl metal salt comprises a sodium salt, and the alkaline earth salt comprises a magnesium salt.
- 36. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 35, wherein the sodium salt and the magnesium salt are provided in molar ratio of about 3:1 to about 1:1.
- 37. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 35, wherein the molar ratio of the sodium salt to the magnesium salt is about 2:1.
- 38. (Canceled).
- 39. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 35 wt.% to about 65 wt% of the anionic surfactant.
- 40. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant comprises lauryl polyglycoside.
- 41. (Canceled).

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- 42. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 5 wt.% to about 10 wt.% of the alkyl polyglycoside surfactant.
- 43. (Canceled).
- 44. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition comprises about 5 wt.% to about 15 wt.% of the alcohol alkoxylate.
- 45. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a bleaching agent.
- 46. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a chelating agent.
- 47. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises a defoaming agent.
- 48. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the composition further comprises an anti-redeposition agent.
- 49. (Canceled).
- 50. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, wherein the temperature of the composition is 50°C-150°C during formation.
- 51. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, further comprising from about 0.01 wt% to about 15 wt % of an aqueous medium.
- 52. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 25, comprising from about 0.1 wt% to about 5 wt% of an aqueous medium.
- 53. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 51, wherein the aqueous medium is included in the detergent composition as a separate ingredient, as part of a liquid ingredient, as part of a liquid premix of ingredients, or combinations of these.

- 54. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 53, wherein the aqueous medium is included in the detergent composition as part of a liquid ingredient.
- 55. (Currently Amended) A solid detergent composition for the manual washing of ware comprising:
- (a) an effective detersive amount of a neutralized anionic surfactant wherein the neutralized anionic surfactant comprises a result of neutralizing:
 - (i) about 1 wt.% to about 70 wt.% of an anionic surfactant comprising alkyl benzene sulfonate; and
 - (ii) an effective neutralizing amount of at least one of an alkali metal salt, and an alkaline metal earth salt, and mixtures thereof;
 - (b) an effective detersive amount of an amphoteric surfactant or salt thereof;
 - (c) an effective detersive amount of a nonionic surfactant or salt thereof; and
 - (d) an effective hardening amount of a hardening agent comprising <u>about 9 wt % to about 12</u> wt % sodium acetate
 - (e) <u>an effective amount of polyethylene glycol</u> or an inorganic hydratable salt wherein the above components are solid detergent composition is provided by dispensing the above in the form of a block dispensed from a mixer by extruding or casting; and wherein the pH of the dissolved solid composition in an aqueous solution is less than or equal to 9.
- 56. (Previously Presented) The solid detergent composition of claim 55, wherein the amphoteric surfactant comprises one or more β-N-alkylaminopropionic acids, N-alkyl-β-iminodiproprionic acids, imidazoline carboxylates, N-alkylbetaines, or sultaines.
- 57. (Currently amended) The solid detergent composition of claim 56, wherein the amphoteric surfactant comprises lauroamphoacetate, capryloamphoproprionate, capryloamphodiproprionate, cocoamidopropyl betaine, eoco monoethanolamide, disodium cocoamphodiproprionate or combinations of these.
- 58. (Previously Presented) The solid detergent composition of claim 57, wherein the amphoteric surfactant comprises cocoamidopropyl betaine.

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- 59. (Withdrawn)
- 60. (Withdrawn)
- 61. (Withdrawn)
- 62. (Withdrawn)